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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Please amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Amend the claims as follows:

1. (Original) An assay device comprising:

a planar base comprising a major planar wall and a side wall transverse to the major planar wall, the side wall surrounding the major planar wall to define a cavity with an open face opposite the major planar wall; and

an insert for being received in the cavity, the insert comprising:

first and second opposed surfaces, the first surface comprising a planar portion opposing the major planar wall when the insert is received in the cavity, the planar portion and the major